

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) Bipolar plate for fuel cells which comprises at least a shaped, at least partially conductive foil, the bipolar plate having a channel structure formed by the shaping of the foil to convey reactants to electrodes of adjacent fuel cells and to carry away reaction products,

characterised in that

a microstructure [(4)] is integrated into the foil [(1)] to increase the rigidity of the foil [(1)].

2 - 11 (Canceled)